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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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Case No: 60000500-1016 the specification of which

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X is attached hereto
was filed on _____ as
Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56¹

I do not know and do not believe this invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and I believe that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as identified below:

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any U.S. provisional application(s) listed below:

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(2) It refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the application takes in:
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Prior Provisional Application(s):

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Prior Foreign Application(s):

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and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's certificate(s) or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the above listed application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

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If no priority is claimed, I have identified all foreign patent applications filed prior to this application:

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